

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (VA)
CHARTER OF THE
VETERANS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

1. OFFICIAL DESIGNATION: Veterans' Advisory Committee on Education
2. AUTHORITY: The Committee is authorized by section 3692 of title 38, United States Code (U.S.C.), and operates under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. Appendix. 2. Section 201 of Public Law 114-58 extended the Committee's statutory authority to December 31, 2016.
3. OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE OF ACTIVITY: The Committee provides advice to the VA Secretary on the administration of education and training programs for Veterans and Servicepersons; Reservists and Guard personnel; and for dependents of Veterans, including programs under chapters 30, 32, 33, 35, and 36 of title 38, and chapter 1606 of title 10, U.S.C.
4. DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES: The Committee advises the Secretary on existing VA education benefit programs and services and recommends new and improved education benefit programs and services. The Committee will submit its recommendations and reports to the Secretary and may also submit its reports to Congress.
5. OFFICIAL TO WHOM THE COMMITTEE REPORTS: The Committee reports to the VA Secretary.
6. OFFICE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING THE NECESSARY SUPPORT TO THE COMMITTEE: The Veterans Benefits Administration is responsible for providing support to the Committee.
7. ESTIMATED ANNUAL OPERATING COSTS IN DOLLARS AND STAFF-YEARS: Estimated annual operating costs for the Committee are \$46,000 and 0.4 staff-years. All members will receive travel expenses and a per diem allowance in accordance with the Federal Travel Regulations for any travel made in connection with their duties as members of the Committee.
8. DESIGNATED FEDERAL OFFICER: The Designated Federal Officer (DFO), a full-time VA employee, will approve the schedule of Committee meetings. The DFO or a designee will be present at all meetings, and each meeting will be conducted in accordance with an agenda approved by the DFO. The DFO is authorized to adjourn any meeting when he or she determines it is in the public interest to do so.
9. ESTIMATED NUMBER AND FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS: The Committee is expected to meet once annually.

10. DURATION: There is a continuing need for the Committee to assist the Secretary in carrying out the responsibilities described in section 3692 of title 38, U.S.C.

11. COMMITTEE TERMINATION DATE: December 31, 2016, unless extended by statute.

12. MEMBERSHIP AND DESIGNATION: Committee members shall be persons eminent in their respective fields of education, labor, and management and of representatives of institutions and establishments furnishing education to eligible Veterans or persons enrolled under chapters 30, 32, 33, or 35 of title 38, U.S.C., and chapter 1606 of title 10, U.S.C. In addition to the criteria set forth under section 3692 of title 38 U.S.C., the Committee shall also, to the maximum extent practicable, include Veteran representatives of the Global War on Terror, current students receiving VA education benefits, and the President and Chief Executive Officer for Student Veterans of America. The Assistant Secretary of Education for Postsecondary Education (or such other comparable official of the Department of Education as the Secretary of Education may designate) and the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training shall be ex officio members.

The Committee will be composed of approximately ten (10) members. Several members may be Regular Government Employees, but the majority of the Committee's membership will be Special Government Employees.

13. SUBCOMMITTEES: The Committee is authorized to establish subcommittees, with the DFO's approval, to perform specific projects or assignments as necessary and consistent with its mission. The Committee chair shall notify the Secretary, through the DFO, of the establishment of any subcommittee, including its function, membership and estimated duration. Subcommittees will report back to the Committee.

14. RECORDKEEPING: Records of the Committee shall be handled in accordance with General Records Schedule 6.2 or other approved agency records disposition schedules. Those records shall be available for public inspection and copying, subject to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. section 552.

15. DATE CHARTER IS FILED:

Approved: 
Robert A. McDonald
Secretary of Veterans Affairs

Date: 9/25/16